



Dear Parents/Carers

This week we had the very exciting and in many ways nerve wracking task of interviewing six candidates for the post of Deputy Headteacher. We had a large number of applicants and shortlisted these to the final 6 who undertook a gruelling day on Monday. Finally, after another very long day we selected our successful candidate and I am delighted to announce that Miss Hannah Whitaker will be joining us in late May/early June. She is currently Assistant Headteacher at St Andrews School which is rated as outstanding by Ofsted in all categories. I have absolutely no doubt that she will play a significant part in leading us to the same. Both students and staff played a pivotal role in the appointment and all candidates commented on what a fantastic school Brakenhale is and on the #teambrokenhale focus. The Governing Body also played a key part in the appointment process and yesterday we held our half termly Full Governing Body meeting. They continue to be impressed by the vast number of strategies that we are focusing on to ensure that all students achieve their potential.

Today we have had the pleasure of hosting the Health Reach Careers Event run by the NHS. Hundreds of our students have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this program. This is just one of a number of events we are taking part in across the year to ensure all of our students are fully informed about the opportunities available to them in the workplace. Watch out for information coming soon about our annual Careers Fayre in March.

Our Year 10 Leaders have attended the Primary Athletics Competition accompanied by Miss Rushby today. They supported the competition and assisted the organisers acting in the role of stewards to ensure the day ran smoothly. They behaved impeccably and were great ambassadors for the school. Thanks to all of you.

SLT Assemblies:

Mr Coley has spoken to all students this week about the importance of rules and how all areas of life are impacted on by those who do not adhere to them. He gave some important examples from across all areas of society, highlighting it is not just schools that have rules!

Student of the week:

Declan Gosney and Boris-Mikhail Georgiev - Declan I would like to pass on what an absolutely amazing job Declan and Boris have done helping IT Support since we came back. The server room has become an area for spares and equipment and such has been the speed the staff have been working at to get everything done it became unwieldy very quickly. The 2 boys have come in 2 or 3 times now, including one ad-hoc appearance where they just offered because they were both free, and done a truly spectacular tidy up. It's made life so much easier and means staff can actually find what they are looking for.

Fab:

- Year 9 parents evening in the new building was well organised and felt very calm and orderly.
- Love the new building, a wonderful space for the students to flourish. Thank you for showing us around.
- Brakenhale really is the best school around. With the modern and spacious new building, the committed, hard working, yet down to earth teachers and not forgetting the wonderful Ms Coley who is a Headteacher and a half!, Brakenhale truly is a breath of fresh air! I am proud to be a parent of the school. Each and every one of you do an amazing job! Keep it up!!
- Great to see Brakenhale raised £330.00 for Christmas jumper day. Well done to those students and staff who helped make that possible.
- Mr Coley, fab Assistant Headteacher and link to Year 7.
- Thank you for arranging for me to come and have a tour of the new school. I think it looks fantastic. What a great learning environment. I love the clean white walls and lack of clutter. Such good Feng Shui! The school has such a calm air to it. It was bright and light, even on a dark overcast day. The classrooms were full of students with their heads down working, so quietly, all in perfect uniforms. The main hall with the tiered retractable seating is the 'pièce de résistance'! Thank you for letting me come and see it.

Drab:

- Love the communication but I feel that 12 emails in 4 days is just a little too much. Particularly when some emails are retracting what was written in the previous email with the same subject line.
- Web site a few years outdated and not easy to find parents news and other items. When you click on some links they don't work.

Many thanks for your feedback we will of course look into this.

- As a Year 11 parent, I think the school is working Year 11 students too hard. My daughter comes home exhausted and stressed every day because of the amount of work they are having to do. I understand homework and revision during lunchtimes, but this should be optional, or at least not every single day. Turbo tutor and the Period 6s every day are clearly stressing the students out, rather than helping them and I have heard this from a number of students. I am genuinely concerned that the school aren't thinking about the students' well-being and are just trying to make the results look good for the school. Please could you consider changing this.

Our intention is always to give the students the very best possible chance of success. We have highly trained support staff on hand to work with any young person who is feeling anxious or overwhelmed and schedules can of course be moderated if necessary.

Staff member of the week:

Ms Pillay	She was really well prepared for Year 9 parents evening and had prepared an excellent handout with useful information about the Science curriculum and where to find additional resources online. That and other things we discussed were very valuable. Thank you Mrs Pillay.
Mrs Keljarrett	Always so hard-working and keeps so positive in any situation.
Mrs Palmer	Mrs Palmer has played a key part in making our daughter feel welcome and settled having recently joined the school. Her caring, down to earth and funny approach has led to our daughter feeling confident to attend school and she feels she has someone who will help her if she struggles. Thank you!
Miss Manning	For always being helpful, kind and making us believe in ourselves. She is an amazing tutor, helps you with any problems, smiling and making you happy. She reassures you that you are great and perfect just the way you are. She is awesome and I couldn't ask for a better tutor. She is also my Science teacher and she always helps anybody who needs it. She is strict when she needs to be, but always fun when she is done and always considers other people's feelings.
Mr Boucher	Being very engaging in lessons and extremely nice and supportive with exams.

Quote of the week:

Choice is what we all have. "Between action and reaction, there is a moment, and in that moment we can choose" (Viktor Frankl).

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

W/C Monday 3rd February

Standards Week

Wednesday 5th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Thursday 6th February

Year 12 Financial Awareness Workshops

Friday 7th February

Year 9 RSE (E N H)

Intermediate Maths Challenge

Year 11 PGL Weekend

Y7 Reading Competition

The pupils who have read the most will claim fame in the Head of House assemblies coming up!

Have you been adding to your reading list?

How much progress have you made so far?

Award	Year	Deadline	What to read...
 Bronze	Year 6	complete over Summer	gothic non-fiction - science adventure non-fiction diary fantasy
 Silver	Year 7	By the end of Y7	horror non-fiction - history biography of your choice Sci-Fi mystery
 Gold	Year 7	By the end of Y7	non-fiction - your choice romance play of your choice autobiography

CHILLOUT SESSION

"Creating Opportunity for Youth Development"
Youth Club

Fridays 5.00-6.30pm

Young people aged 12-16 years
(living with moderate learning difficulties)

Become a 'Chillout' Session Member
£1.00 per week! First Session FREE!

Address: The Wayz Youth Centre, Calfridus Way, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 9ET
Tel No: 01344 483596 / 07928 816186
Email: admin@thewayzyouth.co.uk

ESTEEM

Esteem is an informal meeting place for anyone interested in promoting mental health in and around school.
All are welcome! Bring your lunch!

EVERY THURSDAY @ 1.30PM
IN THE SEN AREA

Mr READ-Linton

#teambrackenhale

Brakenhale does Countdown

Round II

Deadline for all entries to be in....

Friday 7th February

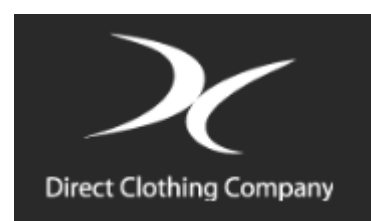
Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the Esteem mental health awareness group will be starting again in its new location. It'll be in the SEN area in Mr Read Linton's room (the one at the back, adjoining the PE office). It's an informal group where we have in the past just chatted, organised fundraising, talked about ways of promoting mental health awareness around school, or just sat and eaten lunch in a quiet, safe space.

Pride of Bracknell Forest

The Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards will take place on 29th May 2020, so be sure to mark it in your diary! If you would like to nominate anyone or promote the nominations page within your local network, please visit the website: <http://prideofbracknell.com/nominate/>

School Uniform Reminder

Please remember that we no longer have a uniform shop on site. You can purchase uniform online from The Direct Clothing Company: www.thedirectclothing.co.uk
Telephone: 01344 872299
Email: brakenhaleuniform@hotmail.com and sales@thedirectclothing.co.uk





Considerate Parking Reminder

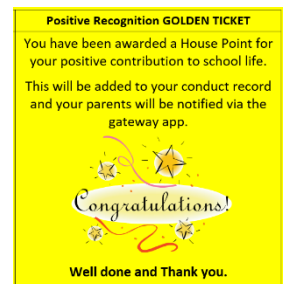
Could we please remind parents to park considerately when dropping their children off at school or collecting them at the end of the day. To maintain the safety of students, staff and visitors on the school site we will be closing the Coningsby gates between 3pm and 3.15pm to avoid unnecessary congestion.

Standards Week

We will be holding another 'Standards Week' this coming week. The aim of these weeks is to raise the profile of such important personal attributes as punctuality, politeness, be a ready participant in lessons, appearance and conduct. The timing of this week is at a point where sometimes things fall away slightly and this allows us as a school to refresh and pep things up and keep our standards high until the end of term.

The previous 'Standards Weeks' have seen a huge upswing in positive behaviour and staff ensure they do their utmost to recognise students 'getting it right'. This could be the first students to arrive, the first students to be ready to learn or those that have put the most effort in and in rewarding this we further embed these practices as part of the culture and ethos of the school.

Please can parents ensure that your son/daughter has all of their Tools for Learning ready for Monday. The school shop is located in the Head of Year Office and all the equipment is available there. Secondly, please ensure that all uniform, particularly shoes and coats, are compliant with our uniform code. As you know we insist, unless there is a medical reason, that students wear a school supplied replacement if their own clothes or footwear is not part of our dress code.



Camera Club Update

In the last 2 Camera Club meetings, we have been showing students how to upload their images and edit with Photoshop. They have responded with enthusiasm and some great imagery, as can be seen by these pictures from Paige A (Year 7) and Oliver M (Year 8) who edited their images using selective colour techniques. Amber W (Year 7) went further with her image of her guinea pig and paid tribute to Andy Warhol with her fabulous repeated image.

Next week's challenge was suggested by Eleanora in Year 7 and is to photograph Cutlery. We looked at some work by other photographers to inspire us and wholeheartedly agreed to the theme. In the next meeting, we will be working in the photography studio to continue our cutlery theme.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my Post 16 students - Harrison H, Jade D and Megan L - who help run Camera Club and do a brilliant job of inspiring their peers. As always, Camera Club is on a Monday lunchtime in B17 and all students are welcome.

Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography



Operating Theatre Live

Today's lesson, BRAINS!

The award-winning Operating Theatre Live is bringing its live human interactive dissection show to Brakenhale School.

From been seen on BBC's Dragons' Den in 2018, Operating Theatre Live are conducting the UK's only touring surgical experience offering an academically rigorous educational experience matched to UK exam specifications. During this unique opportunity, your child will be taking on the role of a trauma doctor bringing the systems of the human body alive through dissections. This incredible, immersive operating theatre experience will give your child the opportunity to dissect real specimens led by human anatomist Samuel Piri and his team of clinicians. The events secure and challenge students to explore careers in medicine and healthcare in a mission to raise engagement in STEM subjects and take students on an experience into healthcare and human anatomy like never before.

For those quick enough to grab tickets, students will work systematically through a complete dissection of the human body. Students will be taught a variety of important clinical skills including interpreting X-rays and linking symptoms to clinical diagnosis. There will be the opportunity to ask questions and at the same time handle the anatomical samples and even the chance to undertake some dissection for themselves. With a post-mortem style experience, students will look at disease and pathology, working on real specimens using real surgeons' tools. They will discover the intricate structures and how they function to keep us alive.

"I personally write the academic content and produce all of the activities myself. I and my team guarantee you a breath-taking, unforgettable trip through the human body like never before. Each student will leave stretched and challenged having made measurable progress against the science specification, we've got them all covered. (GCSEs, A Levels, BTECs, Scottish National 5 and Highers)".

Samuel Piri (Anatomist, Teacher and Programme Director)

Who can attend?

The event delivers in-depth content aimed at those aged 14-19 or on 'Access courses'. For those interested in studying anatomy, medicine or pathology at the undergraduate level, this event is a great experience.

How do I get a ticket?

Tickets can be purchased online via the Operating Theatre Live website

<https://www.operatingtheatrelive.co.uk>

Future Medic Ticket £70.00 (9.00am – 3.00pm)

Includes scrub hire, stethoscope hire, full PPE and 6 workshops

Future Surgeon £160.00 (9.00am – 6.00pm)

Includes scrub hire, stethoscope hire, full PPE, 7 workshops and hot evening meal

Full details and terms and conditions can be found online.

Please book up as soon as possible as there are a very limited number of tickets for this exclusive event – and it is going to be opened to all schools within a 20 mile radius of the school, so demand will be exceptional.



Non-Sporting Extra Curricular Clubs – Autumn Term 2019-20

DAY	TIME	CLUB	YEAR GROUP	LOCATION	TEACHER IN CHARGE
Monday	1.25 - 2.00	Camera Club	All Years	B17	Miss Wilhelmy
	1.25 - 2.00	BBE (Brakenhale Brains Explore) Club	KS3 (invite only)	F18	Mrs Masson
	1.25 - 2.00	Mock Trial Group	Invite only	S17	Mr Beukes / Miss Cmok
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
Tuesday	1:25 - 2:00	Modern Foreign Languages film club	Y7/Y8/Y9	F02	Mrs Hughes
	1.25 – 2.00	Eco Club	All Years	S11	Miss Robson
	1.30 - 2.00	Brakenhale Bugle (Student Newsletter)	All Years	F21	Miss Rendall
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3:05 - 4:05	Drama Club	Y7	L01	Miss Lawry
Wednesday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	Textiles Club [start January]	All Years	G05	Miss Shan
Thursday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3:05 - 4:30	BTEC Clinic [NEW]	Y10-13	B16	Miss Ioannidis
	3.10 – 4.00	Art Club	All Years	G04	Mr Budden / Mrs Faluyi
Friday	1.25 - 2.00	BBE (Brakenhale Brains Explore) Club	KS3 (invite only)	F18	Mrs Masson
	1.25 - 2.00	Identity Club	All Years	F10	Miss Bunkell / Mrs Lewis
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels

Students should check with Teacher in Charge to sign up to clubs

Parents' Evenings 2019-20

Thursday 27th February Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4-8pm

Thursday 26th March Year 11 Parents' Evening


Thursday 23rd April Year 7 Parents' Evening



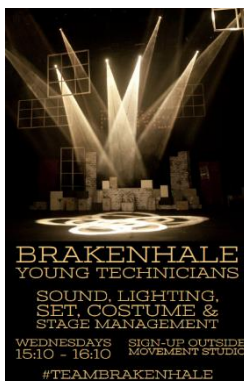
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Performing Arts

Extra Curricular Dance Timetable



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break time	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9-13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9-13 rehearsals	Closed
Lunch time	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9-13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9-13 rehearsals	DARK MATTER
After School 3:05 MS	STREET C^o. (MS) Charley, Tiegan, Dani & Macey Open to all years DARK MATTER (JNS) Dance Company & Lauren	DANCE CLUB (MS) Mrs Duffy & Emily Open to Year 7		AURORA Dance Company (JNS) Mrs Duffy & Ellie Open to Year 9 and invite only Year 8	Free fall Dance Company (MS) Mrs Duffy Year 10 - 13 Dance <i>Starts 29th of November</i>



Spaces open at break and lunch for rehearsals					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break time	Dance - Movement Studio (all years) Music - L01 (all years)	Dance - Movement Studio (Y9-Y13)	Dance - Movement Studio (all years) Music - L01 (all years)	Dance - Movement Studio (Y9-Y13)	Music - L01 (all years)
Lunch time	Dance - Movement Studio (all years) Drama - L01 (Sister Act key cast only) Music - L01 (all years)	Dance - Movement Studio (Y9-Y13) Drama - L01 (all years)	Dance - Movement Studio (all years) Drama - L01 (Sister Act key cast only) Music - L01 (all years)	Dance - Movement Studio (Y9-Y13) Drama - L01 (all years)	Dance - Movement Studio (Y9-Y13)

After School Clubs and Rehearsals					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:05 - 4:05	STREET C^o. (JNS) Tiegan Street Dance Class - open to all year groups	Drama Club (Drama Studio) Miss Lawry Explore and perform Drama - open to Year 7		DANCE CLUB (JNS) Emily Creating a new dance piece - open to Year 7 Drama Revision (L01) Year 11 - Miss Lawry	Dance Revision (MS) Year 11 - Mrs Duffy
3:05 - 4:30	DARK MATTER (MS) Mrs Duffy & Lauren Year 10 Boys Dance Company	Free fall Dance Company (MS) Mrs Duffy Year 10 & 12 Dance	SISTER ACT (Main Hall) Full Cast Rehearsal	SISTER ACT (Main Hall) Full Cast Rehearsal	

PERFORMING ARTS ENRICHMENT

Mrs Duffy, Head of Performing Arts

PE Update

This has been a busy week for PE with another set of football fixtures happening. Next week is set to be even busier as next week is ...

National Football Week!

As part of this week PE will run a penalty shoot out at lunch time each day - 1 day per year group with House points on offer for the best ones!

Girls Active are running a keepy uppy event for Year 7 with a prize for the winner!

Then on Thursday after school PE will open up the Astro Turf for all ages to play games against their friends!

See timetable below...

MONDAY - YEAR 9 Penalty Shootout (lunchtime)

TUESDAY - YEAR 8 Penalty Shootout (lunchtime)

WEDNESDAY - YEAR 7 Penalty Shootout & Keepy Uppy Challenge (lunchtime)

THURSDAY - YEAR 10 Penalty Shootout (lunchtime) ALL Years Games on Astro (after school)

ONLY REQUIREMENT IS YOU MUST HAVE YOUR OWN TRAINERS!!

Football @ Home v Garth – Mr Potter

Year 7 turned out last Thursday, 23rd January, for their first taste of secondary school football in a Brakenhale jersey.

The opposition, in yellow, came in the form of Garth, a local derby to start their secondary football campaign.

The first half ended in a 0-0 stalemate, with both teams playing some frantic football. However at half time subs were made and we had a feeling of change in the air. Unfortunately for the home team this came in the form of 2 goals for the visitors, which saw Garth score them both in the first 4 minutes of the second half.

Our boys then resettled and managed to gain some composure. It was around the 8 minute mark that the first Brakenhale goal came, this gave the boys a surge to get back to top form. Towards the end of the 13 minute mark Brakenhale pushed towards the goal and scored to level things up. Shortly after though Garth had already scored their third goal.

With the fading light, we only managed to squeeze 2 halves of 15 minutes and at full time the score was reflective of some chances taken and missed for both teams. The final score went to Garth, 3-2, with Brakenhale not quite having the time needed to pin another goal for the draw. Players' player went to Alfie Danes and coaches' player went to Freddie Mills.

The boys now play (which will have been played by the time you are reading this) Reading Blue Coat, away in the cup, on Thursday 30th January.

Well done to all 16 boys for your first game, you all played and acted superbly, wearing your Brakenhale badge with pride. Also a big shout out to Harry and Claudia in Year 13 who helped coach and work with the boys from the side line. 2 excellent role models for our Brakenhale youngsters to look up to.



Fixtures for next week

Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Location	Start/Finish	Staff
5/2/20	U13	Cricket	Lambrook	Brakenhale	3.15-5.30	LWI
6/2/20	U16	Football	Charters	Charters	3.00-5.30	RBE

YOUTH SPORT TRUST
GIRLS ACTIVE



#GirlsActive @YouthSportTrust

Change the opinion of girls and sport!

Girls Active is a National programme

It aims to get more girls taking part in PE, sport and physical activity in and out of school.

As 'Girls Active' leaders, our job is to find out what you want and help to make physical activity better for you.

Please check out our extra curricular timetable for this term.



P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Half Term 3 - 2019-2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH (1315-1345) Trainers needed to participate	Table Tennis All Years Sports Hall FGR	Indoor Cricket All Years Sports Hall MPO	A LEVEL PE Revision Year 13 Room TBC MPO	Basketball All years Sports hall MPO	GCSE PE Revision Year 11 Room TBC MPO
AFTER SCHOOL (1505-1630) Full kit needed to participate ***4pm finish for Trampolining***	No clubs due to staff meetings	Netball All years Sports hall/courts LWI Football (Mixed) Years 7 and 8 Astro MPO & CMY	Badminton (Mixed) All years Sports Hall CPI ***3.30pm start*** Trampolining (Mixed) All years Trampoline Centre JBO & LRU Rugby (GIRLS) All years Astro/grass FMA	Girls Cricket All years Sports hall MPO Football Years 9 and 10 Astro JSP JBO CMY Boxing/Fitness (Boys) All years Gym ABI ***3.30pm start***	P6 PE Exam Course Study Sessions BTEC L2 and L3 catch up (Y10-13) GCSE Revision (YR 10) A Level PE Revision (Y13) Your PE teacher/s will confirm these sessions, if they apply to you.

Sessions may be postponed on a weekly basis due to staff meetings which take place in line with the school calendar – please check the school weekly bulletin to confirm on a weekly basis.

All of these sessions are **open**, with all students in the listed year groups welcome.

AM Sessions are only for certain students (KS4&5) and only certain mornings – please draw this to their attention

ME in PE Assessment criteria: Spring Term

Students will be assessed in the following 2 areas this term:

- Physical ME (assessed every term (1, 2, 3), all throughout out the year)
- Thinking ME (assessed term 2 - January to March)

'ME in PE'

	PHYSICAL
1	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in an isolated situation
2	Works in lesson to show effects of short term exercise on the body
3	Takes part in a tactical scenario set up and delivered by the teacher
4	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in an isolated situation
5	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in a conditioned situation
6	Works in lesson to show effects of steady state exercise on the body
7	Takes part in a tactical scenario taught by the teacher
8	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in a conditioned situation
9	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in a fully competitive situation
10	Works in lesson to show the effects of long term exercise on the body
11	Sets up and takes part in a tactical scenario on own
12	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in a fully competitive situation

'ME in PE'

	THINKING
1	Thinks of basic ways/ideas to increase creativity of own work
2	Thinks of basic ways/ideas to increase creativity of others' work
3	Makes basic comments on own work (positive and constructive)
4	Makes basic comments on other people's work (positive and constructive)
5	Thinks of imaginative ways/ideas to increase creativity of own work
6	Thinks of imaginative ways/ideas to increase creativity of others' work
7	Makes competent comments on own work (positive and constructive)
8	Makes competent comments on other people's work (positive and constructive)
9	Thinks of complex ways/ideas to increase creativity of own work
10	Thinks of complex ways/ideas to increase creativity of others' work
11	Applies ideas/thoughts/comments to own work (positive and constructive)
12	Applies ideas/thoughts/comments to other people's work (positive and constructive)

Identity

Everyone is welcome ☺

A space to be free and be you.

What do we do?

- Discuss recent issues – locally and globally
- Task Master
- Quizzes
- Speed friending
- Film nights

We meet every Friday lunch in F10

If it is wet break, we will meet in SO1 (Miss Bunkell's room)

With Mrs. Lewis and Miss Bunkell

**BRAKENHALE
SITE IS A
NO SMOKING
ZONE**

BE PART OF THE ROYALS FAMILY

BRAKENHALE

BRAKENHALE has teamed up with Reading FC to bring you the magic of football and matchdays with special ticket prices starting from as low as £2 per person. **Buy your ticket and enjoy a day at Madejski Stadium.**

What's more, by purchasing a ticket through this scheme, your School will receive 25% cashback, and be in with a chance to win.

- 🎁 A player visit for your School
- 🎁 An invitation to an exclusive Meet the Players Evening
- 🎁 Signed merchandise and lots more

OUR FIXTURES

LUTON TOWN Sat 9 th Nov, 3pm Booking deadline: Thu 7 th Nov, 3pm	Coupon code: BHS-1920-1
DERBY COUNTY Sat 21 st Dec, 3pm Booking deadline: Thu 19 th Dec, 3pm	Coupon code: BHS-1920-2
NOTTINGHAM FOREST Sat 11 th Jan, 3pm Booking deadline: Thu 8 th Jan, 3pm	Coupon code: BHS-1920-3
BRENTFORD Sat 21 st Mar, 3pm Booking deadline: Thu 19 th Mar, 3pm	Coupon code: BHS-1920-4
SWANSEA CITY Sat 2 nd May, 12:30pm Booking deadline: Thu 30 th Apr, 3pm	Coupon code: BHS-1920-5

TICKET PRICES per person

Adults	£15
65 and over	£10
18-24	£8
17 and Under	£5
12 and Under	£2

TO BUY

- 🌐 Visit ticketing.readingfc.co.uk and enter the coupon code at checkout to redeem the offer and secure your ticket
- ☎ Contact our Ticket Office on 0118 968 1313

Please ensure you buy before the listed deadline

*Prices and seats subject to change and availability respecting FC Copy. Seating available in the Latham Stand only please

Canteen Menu for next week

Meals may be subject to change due to ingredient availability.

The Brakenhale School

Autumn Term : WEEK COMMENCING : 13 Jan, 3 Feb

Week 2	Meat Free MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	Macaroni Cheese	British Farm Assured Katsu Chicken curry	British Farm Assured Roast Herb Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	British Farm Assured Cottage Pie	MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) Battered Fish Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal (V)	Vegetarian Enchilada	Vegetarian Katsu Curry	Spinach Sweet Corn Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Cottage Pie	Cheese & Tomato Omelette
Carbohydrate	Garlic Bread	Basmati Rice Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes	Creamy Mash Potatoes	Chips
Vegetables	Mixed Salad Seasonal Vegetables	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Roasted Root Vegetables	Peas or Mixed Salad	Baked Beans or Peas
Pudding	Apple Crumble Vanilla Custard	Courgettes & Lemon Cake	Fruit Crumble & Custard	Chocolate & Orange Cake & Custard	Rice Cake

We have available every day:

- Salad bar where you build your own salad
- Chef's Soup of the Day with Homemade bread (F)
- Fruit Jellies, Yoghurt Pots and Fruit Salads (F)

(V) Suitable for Vegetarians
(F) Fresh Produce in our Kitchen

All our menus are nutritionally analysed to ensure they meet and in most cases exceed The School Food Standards

We use locally sourced ingredients when available and in season

Hegarty Maths

Another great week on the Hegarty platform, and an increasing list of students who are engaging with this initiative. Some of the names on the list may have had sanctions for non completion. However the work that has been completed has put them in the top 5%, so it's important that we recognise that, and give credit where it is due. Again, thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Top 5% Learning hours

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Paige Auker	Phoebio Bampton	Charlie Clements	Josh Barefoot	Lida Dimitrova
Joseph Baker	Paige Barnes	Matthew Courtman	Oliver Cannon	Serkan Genc
		Baylie Egglestone-Naper		
Olivia Can	Annalise Bennison		Lily-Mai Darbyshire	Daniel Hamed-Adokale
Pádraig Earnshaw	Lyla Carter	Azhmat Giga	Sophie Hatch	Benjamin Mancini
Nancy-Dru Gray	Kudzei Chivandire	Alfie Hawkins	Alex Hughes	Ifoluwa Oloosunde
Jun Nan Ka	Kian Edwards	Amy Johnstone	Hollie Lockyer	Leanne Palmer
Sarah Morrison	Amelia Elmes	Sandia Lenarduzzi	Alice Macdonald	Kirsty Ruff
Ayokunle Okuboyejo	Rebeka Gazi	Salina Limbu	Joe Morton	Rachel Sullivan
		Tiago Morota Afonso Coelho		
Stefan Tudor	Samuel Perciun		Christabel Nyame	Germa Ward
Keylan White Scotts	Lenny Rose	Jessica Sackley	Alfie Saul	
Georgia Wilkins	Charlie Smith	Shanka-Mai Whitlaker	Grace Turvey	
	Lilly Snape			
	Rose Trotter			

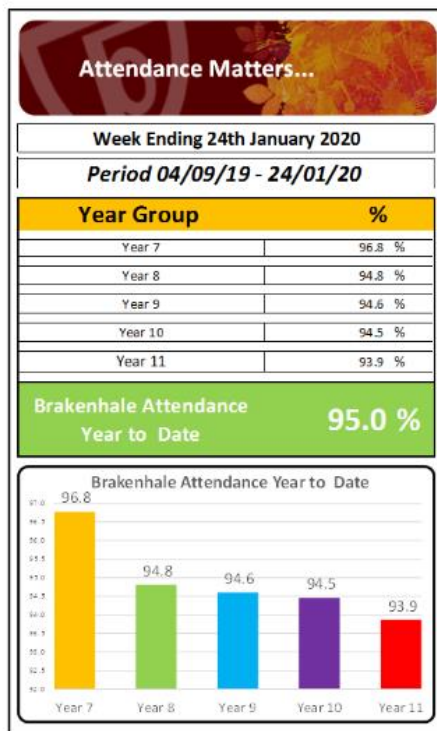
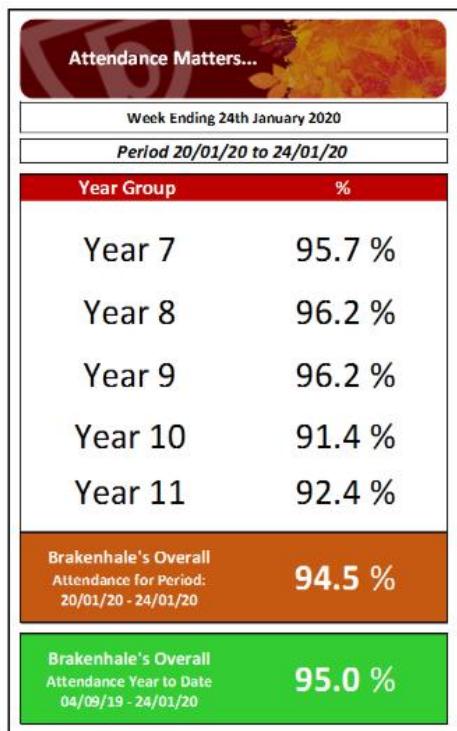
Top 5% for Accuracy

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Nadine Apea	Stacey Barnes	Abigail Avis	Yaa Ampofo	Tiana Bishop
Christian Asare	David Bosch	Rory Campbell	Celestine Asare	Erin Brodnick
Daniel Bayle	Oscar Brook	Ewan Coyle	Rishyal Bhatti	Harley Cookrell
Alexandra Brambley	Megan Bruton	Eduardo Crittenden	Stephanie Dundon	Harry Fallows
Maisie Davidson	Charlotte Dickson	Ryan Dreeppaul	Shelby Gee	Elissa Fotheringham
Tess Davis	Harry Dutton	Max Eaton	Teddy Gray	Miles Harvey
Cayden Dorman	Darcey Falcus	Grace Galea	Izabelle Hogan	Emma Horn
Teddy Ellis	Ruby Gall	Clara Hinsch	Lauren Janman	Jun Ke
Codie Evans	Crystal Hinton	Mikolaj Lichnowski	Charlotte Keighley	Sophie Kempson
Alessandra Giannone				
	Charlie Humphery	Petra-Louise McCarthy	Sabeeh Mirza	Archie Kumar
Summer Harkins	Madison Jurcic-Marchant	Yousif Qaisar	Charlie Schillaci	Bailey Limer
Jorja Hawthorne	Hayden Lewis	Skyla Shaw	Rebecca Smith	Rachel Little
Talia Higgins	Gracy Marinova	David Vincent		Romy Millward
Shaurya Joshi	Aidan Osbaldstone	Kyle Woolerton		Aaron Reed
Olivia Lampton	Hannah Romero	Ellie Yeung		Skye Reed
Chloe McKendrick	Sophie Sheppard			Nikosha Riddell
Ayub Mirza	Jessica Sheridan			Luke Shepherd
April Morton	Chloe Swindells			Ronald Tandoh
Valoria Plamadela	Felicia Towler			Michael Volkov
Natalia Randall	Henry Turner			Shelley Withers
Dale Richards	Harley Weeks			K J Wlojedz-Sinclair
Paolo Solinas				

Mrs L Harbour, Maths Teacher

Attendance Update

We believe that high attendance is essential in order for students to make good academic progress and to feel that they are active members of the school community, involved not only in lessons but also in the extra-curricular activities that are so important to their wellbeing. Students can keep track of their attendance in their planner.



Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any issues that may be preventing regular attendance or causing lateness, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attendance is never easy to push forwards as a school, we often have to have difficult conversations and parents understandably can be defensive. As a parent myself I do know that sometimes children get ill and some absence is inevitable but as a fellow parent can I urge you to do everything you can to ensure your son/daughter gets into school as often as possible. Sometimes that will mean making yourself unpopular with your children, sometimes that will mean asking for help from the school but it is so absolutely worth it. Research confirms a strong link between good attendance and good results and students who are continually around 90% attendance will always struggle to completely understand lessons because they miss one lesson every two weeks. It builds up; 20 days a year, 100 days across 5 years. How can you expect a student to get a great grade when they have been missing so many key lessons? High attendance is also a great habit for life- reliability, positivity and resilience are just the skills that so many employers are looking for. For those students in their examination years please make 2020 a 100% year, because when it is GCSE results day they will be so pleased they did.

As you are aware, part of our commitment to student welfare is to ensure high expectations of attendance including arriving to school on time.



Punctuality

Punctuality is a vital life skill and as you are aware failure to arrive on time would not be tolerated in the workplace, so we ask that you work with us to help the students improve their punctuality.

With this in mind, we have decided to change our system for late arrivals to school. If a student is late to school without a good reason they will be staying for 30 minutes after school.

A schoolcomms message will be sent notifying you that your child will be staying until 3.35pm on that same day.

Year 11 students will continue to have their detention at lunchtime, as they attend period 6 after school.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you of our school attendance procedures. If your child is unable to attend school, you should contact the school before 8.30am on every day that they are absent from school, by submitting an explanation on School Gateway, email to attendance@brakenhale.co.uk or call 01344 465050 and leave a message stating the reason for their absence.

If you have any concerns or feel that there is something we need to be aware of, please do not hesitate to contact me so we can look into supporting your child if required.

Mrs Silvey, Attendance Manager

Student and Parent Support

You can find out more about the **BBC 'Own It' app** on our Student Support Centre page of the website:

<https://brakenhale.co.uk/pastoral-support/student-support-centre/>

There is also a link to the BBC's dedicated area too.

We have also recently added the **Parent Info feed** from the CEOP's website to our Student Support Centre page of the website. This shares valuable information about children and online activity.

<https://brakenhale.co.uk/pastoral-support/student-support-centre/>



Parent Info is a free service that shares articles, tips, expert advice and resources designed to help parents keep up with what their children are doing on-line. Parent Info is a collaboration between CEOP and Parent Zone.

Curriculum Support Updates

Tools for Learning

Student Tools for Learning are now sold by Mrs McCrorie from the new Head of Year office in our new building on the first floor.

Tools for Learning will be available to purchase before school from 8.20am to 8.35am and then during tutor time until 8.55am. They will also be available during break time, 11am to 11.25am. Emergency pencil cases to borrow for the day will also be available from the Head of Year office during morning tutor time.

You will still be able to purchase tools for learning online via parentpay and collect them from main reception.

Lost Property

Please can we kindly remind all parents and students to name all items, including uniform, PE kits, water bottles, pencil cases, other tools for learning - EVERYTHING.

We have a member of staff dedicated to reuniting lost property with owners and she endeavours to return items daily. However, she is unable to return items to students without a name and items will be disposed of at regular intervals. *Email: lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk*

Chewing Gum

We would like to remind you that chewing gum is not permitted on the school site, sanctions will be issued if this is not adhered to.

Recycling

We are continuing our pen recycling initiative and there is collection point in the Head of Year office. Thank you to all the students that used this collection point last term.

Stamp Collection

Mrs McCrorie still continues to collect used stamps for guide dogs. If you could kindly save all used stamps we have a box provided in the Head of Year office where students can place them. Many thanks.

Mobile Phone Policy

Could we please ask parents to remind students that mobile phones must not be used on the school site at all, this goes for before and after the school bell.

Anyone seen using mobile devices contrary to school guidance will be logged.

School Uniform – Scarves

Following the introduction of Brakenhale scarves in house colours last year, we would like to advise that no other scarves will be permitted in school. School scarves can be purchased online at a cost of £11.00.

Achievements & House Points

Well done to so many of our students for gaining so many achievements and house points already this year, all important for their house team. These points are recorded and shared daily with all staff and students. Students are all doing amazing and it's great to see such positivity within the friendly house competition system.

Cycle & Scooter Safety

It is really important that we all stay safe to and from school and would like to remind students that they MUST wear a cycle helmet to school. If they are seen without wearing one this does carry a sanction. Student safety is really important to us. We would like to advise that students are not allowed to bring electric scooters to school. They are still illegal on UK roads and pavements and until this is not the case they are not permitted on the school site.

Mrs McCrorie, Midday Supervisor, Curriculum Support Assistant, Lost Property Link

Tools for Learning made up pack

Large see-through Pencil Case	£0.80
Three Black or Blue Pens (15p each)	£0.45
HB Pencil	£0.10
Rubber	£0.10
Pencil Sharpener	£0.15
30cm Ruler	£0.15
Protractor	£0.20
Highlighter Pen	£0.15
Colouring Pencils	£0.80
Glue Stick	£0.35
Scientific Calculator	£8.35
KS3 Art Book	£1.00



Fundraising



Please click here to see our fundraising video on YouTube: [Brakenhale Unlocking Potential Fundraising Video](#)

Please click here to see our BBC News film: [Brakenhale School on BBC News](#)

New fundraising page: [Virginmoneygiving](#)

Brakenhale's all-things fundraising/new build webpage: <https://brakenhale.co.uk/about/new-build/>

Brakenhale School Lottery

Congratulations to the prize draw winners.

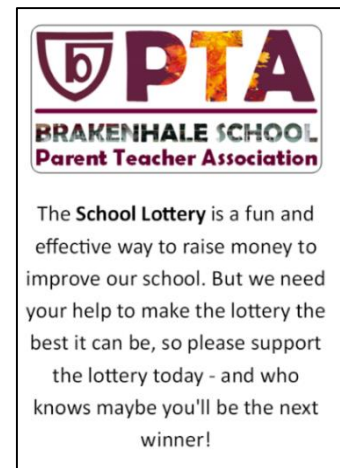
Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are continually looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

There is a weekly draw in which you could win a prize (approximately £20 depending on participants, which increases the more members we have). Plus you have a weekly chance to win up to £25,000.

There is also a chance to win restaurant vouchers this summer.

Click on the link today and join up:
[Support the Brakenhale Lottery](#)

You have to be in it to win it.



Easy Fundraising

With easyfundraising.org.uk you collect free donations to your selected cause every time you shop. You can make a big difference on everything from groceries to getaways and it doesn't cost you a penny!

When you shop the easyfundraising way with one of their 3083 shops and sites they give easyfundraising a commission for your purchase which is turned into a donation for your selected good cause.

When you visit the website easyfundraising.org.uk - simply search for the retailer you want to shop with and click out to them using the green 'Go Shopping' button. You will be taken straight to the retailer's website and your experience will be identical as if you had gone there directly but easyfundraising will be able to track your purchase to ensure a donation for your good cause.

You can also install their Donation Reminder - this means a box will appear if you are shopping with a retailer who participates in the Donation Reminder and you don't even need to visit the easyfundraising site! All you need to do is click Activate Donations and any eligible purchase will be recorded for you. Take a look at the Donation Reminder [here](#). The Donation Reminder is supported by Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer and Safari but can't work on mobile phones or tablets.

Shopping on your mobile? No problem, for mobile phones and tablets there is the handy easyfundraising App, perfect if you like to shop on the go and available completely free of charge from your App store. Now you can not only shop using it but you can check out your own donation total and see how your cause is getting on too. More information can be found [here](#).



Events and Notices



Weekend Astro Pitch Deal



Brakenhale School would like to offer local sports clubs reduced weekend rates on our sand filled astro pitch. We offer Half and Full pitch rentals
Please Contact:
apecock@brakenhale.co.uk
to find out more!



National Online Safety
7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

- Which apps/games are you using at the moment?
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?
- How does this game/app work? Can I play?
- Do you have any online friends?
- Do you know where to go for help?
- Do you know what your personal information is?
- Do you know your limits?

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If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and need support, you can

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Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

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| Monday 10 th February | Year 9 Immunisations |
| Tuesday 11 th February | House Assemblies |
| Friday 14 th February | Parent Coffee Morning |
| Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st February | Half Term |
| Wednesday 24 th June | Year 11 Prom, Easthampstead Park Conference Centre |



Assistant Chef
 Maths Teacher
 Head of Year
 First Aider
 Performing Arts Technician
 Catering Assistant

Please visit our website for more details:
<https://brakenhale.co.uk/about/vacancies/>

Feedback Initiative

We would encourage you to submit your views and feedback at any time, and we look forward to hearing from you regularly.

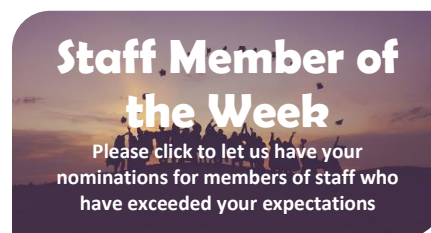
Electronic submission:



[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Term Dates

Term Dates 2019-20

SPRING TERM 2020

Term dates for students:

Thursday 9th January to Friday 3rd April

Spring Half Term – Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Last day of Spring Term for students – Friday 3rd April

Easter Holiday: Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April

(Good Friday 10th April, Easter Monday 13th April)

SUMMER TERM 2020

Term dates for students:

Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July

Summer Half Term – Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

(Bank Holiday – Friday 8th May and Monday 25th May)

Last day of Summer Term for students – Friday 17th July

(Inset Days: Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July)

Term Dates 2020-21**AUTUMN TERM 2020**

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020 **Inset Days**

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 18th December 2020

Autumn Half Term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021

(Friday 1st January Bank Holiday)

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January – Thursday 1st April 2021

Spring Half Term - Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Spring Holiday: Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021

(Good Friday 2nd April, Easter Monday 5th April)

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 16th July 2021

Summer Half Term - Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021 **Inset Days**

Summer Holiday: Thursday 22nd July 2021

INSET Days Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021

Please check the school website regularly for current information.

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates>



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